


C.I.A. Chief Colby Checks the Land of Canaan



The CIA's \$46 million headquarters in Langley, Va., where its worldwide secret operations are directed from. (Photo courtesy Angus M. Thuermer).

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) would have the same rights that members of the press and the profession of journalism desire when it comes to protection of their sources of information, William E. Colby, age 54, Director of the CIA, said.

Mark Lane is a CIA critic who has charged that the Agency assassinated Pres. Kennedy. (Photo by G. Roberts).

and Support (dealing with furnishing equipment, logistics, security, manpower, and communications).

This is the infamous "covert action section" of the CIA, also known as "the department of dirty tricks."

"Some of the work of this corps of experts has come to light through the revelation of the Pentagon Papers, in which the various national estimates on Vietnam were shown to have been independent, objective assessments of the likely future course of event there," Colby said. In the case of Watergate, a number of the convicted suspects such as James McCord and E. Howard Hunt were affiliated with the CIA's Plans and Supports divisions.

"My predecessors and I have candidly admitted that the CIA made mistakes with respect to the wig and other equipment and the psychological profile of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg provided to the Watergate 'plumbers,' but I am confident and have assured the Congress publicly that it will not re-occur in the future," Colby pointed out.

Colby then spoke of a book written by a former CIA employee named Victor Marchetti.

The CIA chief said that if his book is published without the author making certain deletions, "it will come to a number of foreigners who had

"Today we are proud to be part of a profession which can be traced at least to Moses, who sent a man from each tribe to 'spy out' the land of Canaan," Colby pointed out.

And, as Colby dictated, the CIA's very compartmentalized structure helps the CIA gather intelligence and conduct special operations, as they did in connection with President Nixon's recent trip to the Middle East and that same "land of Canaan."

The CIA is divided into four main divisions, each commanded by a deputy CIA director. They are those of Plans (comprising covert operations), Intelligence (which analyzes information brought back by 'spies' and that available in history books), Operations (technical and scientific matters), and

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